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found in G.O. No. 2597, Development, dated 22nd November 1937, and the annual report of the All-India Spinners' Association, Ahmedabad, for the year 1937, copies of which are available for reference in the Library of the Madras Legislature."

Resolution passed by Negapatam Municipal Council for constructing a separate bathing ghat for Depressed Classes.

* 64 *Q*.—Sri Diwan Bahadur R. SRINIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the Negapatam Municipal Council has passed a resolution to construct a separate bathing ghat for the Depressed Classes from those that are in use by the caste Hindus at Akkaraikulam; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI:—" (*a*) The Government understand that there are already different bathing ghats reserved for women and men of caste-Hindu, Muhammadan and Adi-Dravida communities in the Akkaraikulam tank, that the municipal council has resolved to extend the small ghat reserved for Adi-Dravidas and that an estimate for the purpose is under preparation.

" (*b*) Government do not propose to take any action."

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU:—" Do the Government countenance separate bathing ghats for separate communities? "

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI:—" It is not a question of countenancing it; the ghats exist there already."

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU:—" May I ask whether the present state of things will continue or whether the ghats will be amalgamated? "

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI:—" This is a matter left to the discretion of the municipal council."

Restrictions placed on non-officials in regard to their visits to girls' schools.

* 65 *Q*.—Sri Rao Bahadur M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons that led to the issue of G.O. No. 1358, Education, dated 15th June 1938, reiterating G.O. No. 4590, L. & M., dated 7th November 1935, prohibiting certain non-officials mentioned in the Government Order from paying visits to girls' schools except under certain conditions; and

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(*b*) what " public interests " the Government fear are likely to be affected by the unhampered visits by the said non-officials to girls' schools?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government were led to issue G.O. No. 1358, Education, dated 15th June 1938, as a result of allegations made against a certain vice-president of a district board regarding his conduct towards women teachers employed in elementary schools. The orders in the Government Order have since been modified by G.O. No. 2210, Education, dated 16th September 1938, which has been placed at the disposal of the Press."

Government's policy in regard to co-education and visits of non-officials to mixed schools.

* 66 *Q.*—SRI RAO BAHADUR M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the future policy of Government is regarding co-education and mixed schools;

(*b*) whether the Government are in favour of such co-education;

(*c*) if the Government are in favour of co-education, whether they think that visits of adult non-officials and not presence of boys studying in mixed schools are likely to affect " public interests ";

(*d*) if the Government think that presence of boys is not likely to affect " public interests " at which age of the boys the Government think there will be a necessity for the imposition of restrictions mentioned by the Government Order; and

(*e*) whether the opinion of the Director of Public Instruction was obtained before the passing of the Government Order and if so, whether a copy of the same will be placed on the table?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The policy continues to be the same as it has been. The hon. Member is referred to rule 70 of the Madras Educational Rules.

" (*c*) *to* (*e*) The hon. Member apparently refers to the orders in G.O. No. 1358, Education, dated 15th June 1938. The Government Order has since been modified by G.O. No. 2210, Education, dated 16th September 1938, which has been placed at the disposal of the Press."

Alleged imposition of fine on an European and its subsequent reduction.

* 67 *Q.*—SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a fine of Rs. 500 was imposed on a European for an offence committed under the Prohibition Act, which was subsequently reduced to Rs.